

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-09-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 6, 2004
Commission Meeting: September 7, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2004.2.17 and D2004.2.22 – Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone – Discuss, Direction, Action on Motion For Protective Order. (9/7/04)
2. N2004.7.121 - Montana Public Service Commission - Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunication Carrier's. (9/7/04)

3. D2003.10.156 – 3 Rivers PSC – Application for Eligible Telecommunication Carrier Designation. (9/7/04)
4. D2004.3.39 – Montana Telecommunications Association, Montana Independent Telecommunications System, Ronan Telephone, and Hot Springs Telephone – Placeholder to Report on and Receive Direction on Matters Pending in the Local Number Portability Suspension Docket. (9/7/04)
5. D2004.6.96 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual QF/AC 2004. (9/7/04)
6. D2004.6.93 – Missoula Electric Cooperative and NorthWestern Energy – Exclusive Service Agreement, Missoula Area. (9/7/04)
7. D2004.3.46 – Energy West Montana – Status of General Rate Case, Great Falls. (9/7/04)
8. D2004.3.45 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Advanced Approval of Basin Creek. (9/7/04)
9. CREPC Comments on the DOE Proposed Designation of National Interest Transmission Bottlenecks. (9/7/04)
10. NorthWestern Energy Post Bankruptcy – Discuss Draft Set of Montana Public Service Commission Evaluation Criteria for Post-Bankruptcy Acquisition Proposals. (9/7/04)
11. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (9/7/04)

Other Meetings

9/8/04 – 9:00 a.m. – D2004.3.39 Local Number Portability Hearing (Bollinger Room)

9/8/04 – 1:30 p.m. – Montana Transmission Advisory Group (Capitol Building, Room 137)

9/9/04 – 8:30 a.m. – Energy and Telecom Interim Committee Meeting

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9/10/04 – 8:00 a.m. – Energy and Telecom Interim Committee Meeting

9/10/04 – 9:00 a.m. – Rulemaking Hearings (Multiple) (Bollinger Room)

9/10/04 – 2:00 p.m. – Intercarrier Comp (C'Mon Inn, Missoula)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. QWEST SERVICES CORPORATION N2004.8.135 (Leroy)

On August 18, 2004, Qwest Services Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal 04-013, Residence and Business Competitive Response Programs. Coincident with the conclusion of its 90 day Residence and Business Competitive Response promotions, Qwest is proposing to offer the following: Residence and Business Competitive Response Program, Residence and Business Competitive Inquiry Program, and Residence and Business Product Save Program. These programs will also be made available to resellers on the same general terms and conditions as they are made available to Qwest's retail customers. Because of the concerns of the Commission and Consumer Counsel expressed in Docket D2000.2.21, Qwest is proposing to track and report on a quarterly basis the following Customer Account Information: Total monthly value of incentives, Lists of service to which waivers/credits are applied, Total monthly customer revenues generated under these programs for Montana. Qwest is requesting an effective date of November 27, 2004.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS N2004.8.138 (Leroy)

On August 26, 2004, Central Montana Communications filed to modify its tariff for the Local Network Access Line Service in response to the FCC adding four federal assistance programs to the list of qualifying programs for participation in

the Enhanced Lifeline/Linkup program. The four new programs as well as an income qualification program has been added to the tariff.

3. MCI N2004.8.139 (Scott)

On August 25, 2004 MCI filed a revision to its Montana Tariff No.2. MCI is requesting to add new language to Advanced Option II for small Business saving Plan XII, XIII, XIV and XV.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2004.8.138 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. – Tariff Modifications to Section 4, Local Network Access Line Service

N2004.8.139 – MCI – Revisions to Montana Tariff No. 2

D2004.8.140 – Qwest Corporation and Granite Telecommunications LLC – QPP Agreement

D2004.8.141 – Southern Montana Telephone Company and Gold Creek Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless – Application for Approval of Traffic Termination Agreement

N2004.9.142 - CenturyTel - Tariff No. 04-5 - Additional Line Promotion